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glass, said channel walls extending generally parallel to said opposite glass faces and being formed of a rigid material which defines opposing interior wall surfaces that are rigid and contact said opposite glass faces, at least one of said channel walls being resiliently deflectable so as to be deflected by insertion of said glass edge in said channel opening wherein said glass edge is in tight-fitting contact with said deflectable channel wall and the other of said channel walls.

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2. (Amended) In an office furniture arrangement having an office furniture component which is positionable in an office area to separate adjacent work areas, said office furniture component including a glass panel supported thereon so as to permit viewing through said glass panel, comprising the improvement wherein said glass panel comprises a sheet of glass defined by glass edges and opposite faces extending between said glass edges, said glass panel further including an edge frame having edge rail sections which extend respectively along said glass edges, at least one of said edge rails including an elongate fixing channel which extends parallel to and opens toward said respective glass edge wherein said glass edge is received within said respective fixing channel, each said fixing channel including opposite channel walls which are spaced apart and extend generally parallel to said opposite glass faces, said channel walls being formed of a rigid material which permits at least one of said channel walls to be resiliently deflectable upon insertion of said respective glass edge therein while said glass edge is in tight-fitting gripping contact with said deflectable channel wall and the other of said channel walls, each said deflectable channel wall including a projection proximate a distal end thereof wherein said projection contacts an opposing one of said glass faces.

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6. (Amended) In an office furniture arrangement having an office furniture component which is positionable in an office area to separate adjacent work areas, said office furniture component including a glass panel supported thereon so as to permit viewing through said glass panel, comprising the improvement wherein said glass panel comprises a sheet of glass defined by glass edges and opposite faces extending between said glass edges, said glass panel further including an edge frame having edge rail sections which extend respectively along said glass edges, at least one of said edge rails including an elongate fixing channel which extends parallel to and opens toward said respective glass edge wherein said glass edge is received within said respective fixing channel, each said fixing channel including opposite channel walls which are spaced apart and extend generally parallel to said opposite glass faces, said channel walls being formed of a rigid material which permits at least one of said channel walls to be resiliently deflectable upon insertion of said respective glass edge therein while said glass edge is in tight-fitting gripping contact with said deflectable channel wall and the other of said channel walls, said deflectable channel wall and said other channel wall being joined together by a side wall of said edge rail, said edge rail having undercuts formed in said side wall proximate a juncture defined between said deflectable channel wall and said side wall.

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15. (Amended) In a space-dividing wall panel having a frame that defines a periphery of said wall panel, said wall panel further including a glass panel which is supported on said frame, comprising the improvement wherein said glass panel comprises a sheet of glass having glass edges extending about the periphery thereof and opposite faces extending between said glass edges, said glass edges being arranged in substantially parallel edge pairs disposed on opposite sides of said glass, said glass panel further including an edge

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frame comprising a plurality of edge rails joined together which said edge frame is joined to said glass to support said glass edges, said glass edges of at least one of said edge pairs being supported within fixing channels defined within a corresponding pair of said edge rails, each said fixing channel extending parallel to a respective one of said glass edges and opening toward said respective glass edge to tightly-fittingly receive said respective glass edge therein, each said fixing channel including opposite channel walls which are spaced apart and extend generally parallel to said opposite glass faces, said channel walls having opposing interior wall surfaces which are normally spaced apart a distance less than a thickness of said glass wherein at least one of said channel walls deflects outwardly upon insertion of said respective glass edge within said respective fixing channel, said deflectable channel wall being spaced outwardly of said opposing glass face and including a projection which projects toward said respective glass face and spans said space therebetween so as to contact said opposing glass face, said glass edge being disposed in gripping contact between said projection and an opposing one of said interior wall surfaces.

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16. (Amended) In a space-dividing wall panel having a frame that defines a periphery of said wall panel, said wall panel further including a glass panel which is supported on said frame, comprising the improvement wherein said glass panel comprises a sheet of glass having glass edges extending about the periphery thereof and opposite faces extending between said glass edges, said glass edges being arranged in substantially parallel edge pairs disposed on opposite sides of said glass, said glass panel further including an edge frame comprising a plurality of edge rails joined together which said edge frame is joined to said glass to support said glass edges, said glass edges of at least one of said edge pairs being supported within fixing channels defined within a corresponding pair of said edge rails, each said fixing

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channel extending parallel to a respective one of said glass edges and opening toward said respective glass edge to tight-fittingly receive said respective glass edge therein, each said fixing channel including opposite channel walls which are spaced apart and extend generally parallel to said opposite glass faces, said channel walls having opposing interior wall surfaces which are normally spaced apart a distance less than a thickness of said glass wherein at least one of said channel walls deflects outwardly upon insertion of said respective glass edge within said respective fixing channel, each said fixing channel having an interior end face against which said glass edge abuts when disposed within said fixing channel, said channel end face including undercuts adjacent said deflectable channel wall so that the other of said channel walls extends away from said channel end face to a height which is less than a height of said deflectable channel wall.

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wy 19. (Amended) In an office furniture arrangement having an office furniture component which is positionable in an office area to separate adjacent work areas, said office furniture component including a glass panel supported thereon, comprising the improvement wherein said glass panel comprises a sheet of glass having glass edges extending about the periphery thereof and opposite faces extending between said glass edges, said glass panel further including an edge frame comprising a plurality of edge rails which said edge frame is joined to said glass to support said glass edges, at least one of said edge rails including an elongate fixing channel which extends parallel to a respective one of said glass edges and opens toward said respective glass edge to tight-fittingly receive said respective glass edge therein, each said fixing channel including opposite channel walls which are spaced apart and extend generally parallel to said opposite glass faces wherein said channel walls have opposing interior wall surfaces which face toward and abut against both of said opposite glass faces, at least one of said interior wall

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a4 surfaces further including a coating thereon which is shearable by said glass edge upon insertion of said glass edge into said respective fixing channel such that said coating conforms to a shape of said glass face and said channel walls are in gripping contact with said glass edge.

Enclosed herewith is a "Marked-Up Version of Claim Amendments" showing the changes made to the above claims.

Applicants add new Claim 24 as follows:

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a5 24. In an office furniture arrangement having an office furniture component which is positionable in an office area, said office furniture component including a glass panel supported thereon, comprising the improvement wherein said glass panel comprises a sheet of glass having a glass edge extending about the periphery thereof and opposite faces extending between said glass edge, said glass panel further including an edge rail which said edge rail is joined to said glass to support said glass edge, said edge rail including an elongate fixing channel which extends parallel to said glass edge and opens toward said glass edge to tight-fittingly receive said glass edge therein, each said fixing channel including opposite channel walls which are spaced apart and extend generally parallel to said opposite glass faces wherein said channel walls have opposing interior wall surfaces which abut against said opposite glass faces, at least one of said interior wall surfaces further including a powder coating thereon which is shearable by said glass edge upon insertion of said glass edge into said respective fixing channel such that said coating conforms to a shape of said glass face and said glass edge is in gripping contact with said channel walls.

REMARKS

Applicants hereby amend Claims 1, 2, 6, 15, 16 and 19 and add Claim 24. In view of the following discussion, Applicants